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GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS.

The current Canadian 1c. Envelope exists in three distinct shades, dark, medium and pale blue.

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I was recently shown a fine block of 11 Canada ½d. pink. I believe they are unique in this condition.

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An unused Nova Scotia, 6d. dark green, sold for $17.50 at Drew's sale, held on the 30th of April, while a used New Brunswick 6d. brought $20.50.

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Mr. W. H. Allison, C. P. R. train despatcher, one of London's leading collectors, will move to Toronto on June 15th. London's loss will be Toronto's gain.

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Younger collectors are on the increase in Canada, although from reports it seems there has been a falling off in the U.S. Canadian dealers report that business in the cheaper class of stamps is better than it has been for some time past.

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A new set of Canadian Revenues has been recently issued for Electric Light Inspection. They are similar to the Weight and Measure and Gas stamps, are red in color, and have the registered number printed in blue across the centre. The following values compose the set: 25 and 50 cents, $1, $2, $3, $5 and $10.

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Some collectors do not seem to be aware of the fact that the Canadian bill stamps have been obsolete for a long time. When in use, commercial paper was required to have these stamps affixed, and the following rates were charged: $25 or less, 1c.; $50 and over, 2c.; $100 and over, 3c.; each additional $100 or fraction of $100, 3c.

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There has been considerable talk from time to time of organizing a provincial philatelic association in Ontario. The plan is certainly a good one, and if some well-known and energetic collector would place himself at the head of the movement, there should be no difficulty in forming a good society, as Ontario is the garden of the Dominion, from a philatelist's as well as an agriculturist's point of view.

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The publication of *The London Stamp and Coin Journal*, to which I referred last month, has been postponed until the fall. *Stamp Lore*, I expect, will appear this month, and will be one of the best of Canadian philatelic journals. The first issue of *The All-Around Stamp Advertiser* appeared from St. Hyacinthe, Que., as I announced last month. The publishers claim for their first issue a circulation of 15,000. Personally, I received several sample copies of this issue, and if all the copies were placed in this way, the value of the 15,000 circulation would be materially decreased.

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I am pleased to note that the Canadian Government is adopting some of the new cancelling machines, which have been in use for some time in the United States. They are certainly a great improvement on the old hand stamps, which, in the majorty of cases, were practically valueless, in that it was almost impossible to decipher the cancellation. At the time of writing I have seen three different types, Union Jacks, etc., somewhat similar to the U. S, cancellations. It is probable that these machines will soon be adopted in all the large cities throughout the Dominion.

W. CULLEN BROWN.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

GENERAL CONTINENTAL NEWS.

A 50 öre Norway of the new type has just appeared.

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The Societe Philatelique Francaise has recently been amalgamated with *The Societe Francaise de Timbrologie.*

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At the recent election of the *Salisbury Philatelic Society*, Hon. Judge Philbrick, Q.C., was elected President.

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Bright's A B C Catalogue, which has been advertised so extensively, is having a large sale. Its low price and neat appearance has made it a favorite, and it will doubtless prove a keen competitor to some of the older catalogues.

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The London Philatelist is always to the front with valuable articles, and Mr. J. Tilleard's paper. "Notes on the De La Rue Series of the Stamps of India," which has just appeared in this journal, is an exceedingly valuable and painstaking treatise on these interesting stamps.

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Messrs. Chevely & Co. will hold three auctions during May; their 88th sale takes place on April 30th and May 1st; 89th sale on the 12th and 13th; 90th sale on the 26th and 27th. Some very choice varieties are offered in these sales. This firm have given up their stamp dealing, and in future will devote their attention exclusively to their auction sales.

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I take the liberty of quoting the following from *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*:—It is stated that the designs of the new Japanese stamps which are to commemorate the late war with China have now been approved by the Mikado. One will bear the portrait of the late Marshal, Prince Arisuguwa Sambito, "chief of the staff of the army of the Japanese empire," and the other a likeness of the late Lieut.-General, Prince Kitashirakawa, commander of the Imperial Guards engaged in the subjugation of Formosa.

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"The New Collector" is still being boomed here. Messrs. Brown and Whitfield King appear to be at the head of the movement, and while many favor the collecting of only issues subsequent to 1890, it is still difficult to say just to what extent the collecting of new issues will go, but it certainly is undeniable that the older and rarer issues are running up in price so rapidly as to place them beyond the reach of the majority of collectors, and this is causing many collectors to devote their attention to the more recent issues which can be obtained at merely nominal rates.

A. J. RINNERS.

CLIPPINGS.

A dainty fad for philatelists is the wearing of their favorite specimens mounted in cuff buttons. The small ½c. black of Canada, mounted in gold cuff buttons, has the appearance of onyx, and the effect is very striking.—*Daily Stamp Item.*

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The cancellation which one frequently meets with on the Belgian stamps, consisting of a long narrow band, with diamond-shaped figures, is that used in the postal savings banks. Such stamps have never been used for postage, and are about on a par with the punched Spanish stamps, which, however, are used to denote use in telegraphing,—*Boston Stamp Book.*

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The Editor's Table.

Recruits Wanted.

OUR ranks are being daily increased by numbers of new collectors, but notwithstanding this our up-to-date dealers are constantly devising new methods for interesting those who have never collected stamps. Such enterprise cannot be too highly commended, and I would that more of our dealers would do a little missionary work, which not only benefits the dealer himself, but also aids the progress of our science. I think I cannot do better than mention three or four of the methods which have served to interest many who were formerly non-collectors. A certain New York dealer has been advertising in the daily papers to give stamps away to anyone who will call for them, and to those who apply he gives a cheap packet of continental stamps which, while costing the dealer but little, serve to form the foundation of many a collection. This method is a good one, and from point of cost it is one which could be advantageously adopted by almost all our dealers. Personally, I have an advertisement which I am using in the general press, offering a small collection to any non-collector for a 3-cent stamp to cover postage. If such an advertisement is carefully prepared and made to look attractive, a large number of replies will usually result, and when a price list is enclosed with the stamps it will serve to bring the dealer further orders. Not a few collectors and dealers keep a supply of cheap continentals, which they give away as the opportunity occurs. A San Francisco dealer is planning to give away several millions of cheap stamps, and should he do so he will likely interest a large number who hitherto have never collected stamps. I must not pass over the enterprise of some of the leading dealers who are advertising albums and lots of cheap stamps at prices far below actual cost. The majority of collectors collect as a pastime and not a study, and offers such as the above all serve to make attractive the pursuit which is interesting so many, the world over. Let every dealer and collector, so far as lies in his power, endeavor to interest his friends, and thus aid the great forward movement of Philately!

New Issues.

THE 1896 general issue for Nicaragua has a map for the design, which is quite a marked change from the preceding issues; a set of seven postage due stamps have also appeared.—It is said that Argentine will shortly issue a new 80c. stamp.—The stamps of the Republic of Cuba, mentioned in these columns last month, are reported as now being used in some parts of the island.—A set of seven postage due stamps have appeared from Abyssinia.—The Government of New Zealand have recently made the awards offered for a set of twenty-two designs for stamps illustrating the scenery of the country; consequently we may expect an attractive set from this colony at an early date.—I understand that the 5, 10 and 25 b. Roumania have been surcharged, respectively, 10 and 20 paras and 1 piastre, for use in the Levant.—A new 1d. rose Transvaal has appeared, same type as the current set, with the value printed in green.—Notwithstanding the fact that they have been denounced by the S.S.S.S., the new Greek commemorative stamps are having a good sale. They are being offered by many of the leading dealers.—Fernando Po has issued a 2c. carmine, with head of Baby King.—A set of five French postage due stamps have been surcharged for use in Morocco.

The Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps.

CIRCULAR NO. 5.

391 STRAND, LONDON, ENG., April, 1896.

The Society, in conjunction with the Special Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society, having taken into consideration the Stamps mentioned below, are of opinion that they are not worth the attention of Philatelists, and appeal to all Collectors and Dealers to discountenance collecting or dealing in the same.

21. Ecuador. The Government of this country is an old offender, and its delinquencies were referred to in a previous circular. (See No. 4, paragraph 17.)

From a Circular Notice in four languages, dated 5th December, 1895, it appears that a special postage stamp is to be issued on the 5th June, 1896, which will be available for postal purposes only on the day of issue, and ten following days. This issue is to commemorate the Esmeralda Incident. It is perhaps scarcely necessary to advise dealers to beware of it.

22. Indian Native States. The postal departments of several of these States either have been or are about to be taken over by the Central Government. In the case of Jhind and Cashmere this has already been done, and it is reported that a similar course has been, or is shortly to be adopted, with regard to Bamra, Bhopal, Poonah, Wadhwan, Nowanugger, Bhor, Nangaon, and Faridkot.

It appears that the issues of some of these States have been reprinted, and are being offered for sale. Collectors and dealers should therefore be on their guard.

23. Republic of Cuba. Stamps of an issue prepared in 1877 are now being offered for sale. The values are 2, 5, 10, and 25 centavos.

In The Third Circular, under the heading No. 13, reference was made to a contemplated speculative issue of Grecian Stamps to commemorate the Olympian Games. From a recently published notice, the issue appears now to be an accomplished fact, and to consist of twelve stamps in value from 1 lepta to 10 drachmas.

Bulgaria. An issue has appeared in commemoration of the conversion of Prince Boris.

Collectors and dealers should exercise discretion with regard to these stamps, unless they are intended permanently to supersede the current issue.

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,
Hon. Sec. to Special Com. London Phil. Soc., and Acting Hon. Sec. (pro tem.) to S.S.S.S.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

FROM OVER THE BORDER.

The Bogert and Durbin Co. hold an auction sale on May 16th.

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The Sons of Philatelia hold their 28th auction sale on May 25th.

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It is reported that 5,099,500 of the orange special delivery stamps were issued.

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At the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s sale, held on April 21st, an unused and entire U.S. envelope 1863, 2c., die 23, sold for $247.

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Messrs. A. L. Cassino talk of selling *The Boston Stamp Book*. It is said that Mr. J. Kilborn, the present editor, will buy the paper.

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U.S. revenues still continue to boom, and fancy prices are readily obtained for the rarer varieties. A $5 Proprietary sold for $250 at an auction two or three days ago.

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The U.S. plate number collectors have recently had a much-felt want supplied through an enterprising dealer who has just issued a first-class album for plate numbers.

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The C. H. Mekeel Co. recently sold to Mr. W. A. Castle the 10c. Baltimore on white paper, for the consideration of $4,400, which is said to be the highest price ever paid for a single stamp.

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I have heard a rumor to the effect that some New York collectors are intending to organize a Philatelic Bicycle Club. So many philatelists ride that such a club would be possible in any of our large cities.

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Through the efforts of Mr. G. E. Cleaver, *The Philatelic Literature Society* has been organized. It starts with a charter membership of sixty-nine, and, judging from the large number who are interested in philatelic literature, the society should prove a success.

HENRY F. DOYLE.

Everybody Talking About It.

People everywhere are standing aghast at the wondrous strides of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal. Certainly few Canadians were prepared to see a Canadian paper take the head of the procession and to become such a conspicuous all-round favorite so soon. The Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal, is simply a marvellous production, and to think that it is only a dollar a year adds to everybody's genuine amazement. It is well worth while sending to the publishers, Montreal, for a sample copy, which we are told will be sent free just to enable people to see what can be produced in the newspaper line for a dollar a year. Few people will credit their own senses when they see it. Artists who have seen the premium picture to be given with the Family Herald this year ("Little Queenie" we think is the name of it) say that the premium is quite as wonderful as the paper itself. Every one must admit that the Family Herald has carved out a great place for itself, not only on this continent, but throughout the world.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Under this heading I will publish any correspondence of interest to my readers, and answer such questions of general interest as may be submitted.

G. H. T.—Irving E. Patterson, Guelph, Ont., is the Secretary of the *Dominion Philatelic Association*. The dues are 25c per year. Application blank and further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary.

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Canada, 1859, 1c., pink	60	5 75
Canada, 1859, 5c., red	30	2 70
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Canada, 1882, 5c., slate	05	35
Canada, 1893, 8c., slate	10	80
Canada Registered, 1875, 5c.	10	85
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Canada, Ontario Law, assorted	15	1 15
Canada, Post Cards, 1st issue, 1c.	10	70
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Ceylon, Revenue, 5c., blue	10	85
Chili, well assorted	05	25
Chili, Telegraph, well assorted	10	65
*Congo (Portugese), 2½ r., brown	10	50
Constantinople, sets of 3 varieties	***20***	***1.55***
*Costa Rica, 1863, ½ r., blue	08	50
*Costa Rica, 1889, 1c., brown	05	40
*Costa Rica, 1889, 2c., dark green	05	40
*Costa Rica, 1889, 10c., red-brown	10	70
*Costa Rica, 1889, 20c., sea green	10	70
*Costa Rica, 1889, Official, 1c., brown	13	95
*Costa Rica, 1889, Official, 5c., orange	15	1 00
*Costa Rica, 1889, Official, 20c., green	25	2 00
Costa Rica, 1892, assorted	15	1 00
*Cuba, 1871, 50c., green	15	1 00
Cuba, well assorted	05	40
Denmark, well assorted (no 4 or 8 ore)	05	25
Egypt, assorted	05	25
France, well assorted (no 5 or 15c.)	—	15
Hawaii, 1875, 2c., brown	30	2 65
Hawaii, 1882, 2c., red	15	1 25
Hawaii, 1883, 1c., green	20	1 50
*Hawaii, 1893, "Prov. Govt.," 1c., green	20	1 75
Hawaii, 1894, 2c., brown	10	90
Hayti, 1893, 5c., orange	25	2 45
*Honduras, finely assorted	15	1 25
India, 1865, ½ anna	***10***	***85***
India, 1883, ½ and 1 anna, 4 varieties, assorted	—	10
India, 1883, 2 anna, 2 varieties, evenly assorted	05	40
Jamaica, ½ and 1d., evenly assorted	05	25
Jamaica, Official, well assorted	10	—
Japan, well assorted	03	15
Japan, Telegraph, sets of 4 varieties	20	1 75
Mexico, 1887, 10c., scarlet	03	20
Mexico, 1887, 20 and 25c., assorted	20	1 70
Mexico, 1886, 5c., blue	10	50
Mexico, Official, brown	05	40
*Mexico, Officially Sealed, brown	05	40
Mexico, Revenues, finely assorted	10	60
Natal, 1884, ½d.	05	25
Natal, 1884, 1d.	03	15
Natal, 1887-89, 2d.	15	1 25
New Brunswick, 2c., orange	***20***	***1 45***
*New Brunswick, 5c., green	20	1 50
New South Wales, 1889, 1 and 2d., assorted	03	15
New Zealand, ½, 1 and 2d., ass. (1000 for 75c.)	03	10
Nova Scotia, 5c., blue	1 50	14 50
Patiala, Official, 3 var., evenly asstd.	***10***	***85***
Portugese Indies, 1886, well assorted	***10***	***90***
Queensland, 1 and 2d., assorted	03	15
Roumania, obsolete, 3 varieties, well assorted	03	10
Russia, assorted	03	10
*Shanghai, 1893, ½c., orange and blue	10	50
*Shanghai, 1893, 1c., brown and blue	10	90
South African Republic, obsolete, 1 & 2d.	***05***	***40***
South Australia, 1 and 2d., assorted	03	10
Spain, 1870, 50 m.	10	65
Switzerland, 1881, sets of 6 varieties	***20***	***1 40***
*Venezuela, 5c., green	05	25
*Venezuela, 25c., brown	05	40
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